

15. (AMENDED) A resource management system, comprising:

(a) a plurality of servers grouped into interconnected regional servers and local servers, wherein the regional servers serve a region and hold one or more profiles for resources associated with the local servers within the region;

(b) the resources being classified as physical resources and soft resources, wherein the physical resources are not downloadable from the local servers and the soft resources are downloadable from the local servers;

(c) each of the resources having at least one of the profiles associated therewith, wherein each of the profiles includes a description and a location of the associated resource, and wherein each of the profiles, when created, is assigned to a category; and

(d) one or more user computers interconnected with the regional and local servers, and including means for storing the profiles of the resources into one or more of the regional servers, means for searching the profiles stored in the regional servers by category, and means for requesting delivery of the resources associated with the local servers based on the searched profiles.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein the user computer further comprises means for storing the soft resources into one or more of the local servers.

17. The system of claim 15, wherein the user computer further comprises means for downloading the soft resources from one or more of the local servers.

18. The system of claim 15, wherein the regional servers further comprise means for storing a profile that contains information about a user of the user computers.

19. The system of claim 18, wherein the regional servers further comprise means for restricting the user's access to the resources based on the information contained in the profile.

20. The system of claim 15, wherein the means for searching further comprises means for performing a Boolean key-word search of the profiles stored in the regional servers.

21. The system of claim 15, wherein the means for searching further comprises means for ordering a search of any of the profiles to be performed at a future time.

22. The system of claim 15, wherein a plurality of collections of the profiles are each stored in different ones of the regional servers, and each of the collections contains substantially all of the profiles.